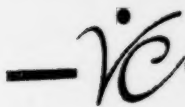


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CELEBRATE VOLUNTEERISM APRIL 15-22 *Free event pays tribute to community volunteers*

Medicine Hat – As part of National Volunteer week April 15-22, 2007, Medicine Hat is paying tribute to the many residents who volunteer their time to enrich the community.

The City of Medicine Hat and the Volunteer and Community Information Centre present a Celebration of Volunteerism at a Community Volunteer Appreciation Event Monday, April 16, 2007 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Esplanade Arts and Heritage Centre.

"We are very excited to announce that Canadian singer, songwriter, actor and motivational speaker Tom Jackson will be in attendance," says Marilyn Heckbert, Program and Volunteer Coordinator at the Veiner Centre. "This will be an incredible way to thank our community's volunteers. With all the volunteers in this community that make it such a wonderful place to live, combined with Mr. Jackson's celebrity, this will definitely be the event to attend."

Free tickets to the Community Volunteer Appreciation Event are available starting Monday, April 2, 2007 at the Veiner Centre, 225 Woodman Avenue SE; Esplanade Arts and Heritage Centre, 401 First Street SE; and the Volunteer and Community Information Centre, 856 Allowance Avenue SE.

There are 692 free tickets available on a first come, first serve basis for volunteers in the community. Tickets must be picked up by volunteers. The limit per person is four tickets.

"The Volunteer Centre promotes volunteerism through National Volunteer Week with media and community events," says Kim McClymont, Executive Director of the Volunteer Centre. "Working with the City of Medicine Hat to deliver an event like this increases the community's awareness about who we are and what we do."

"Volunteers will have the opportunity to sit back relax and enjoy the jam packed program aimed at providing recognition to our community's volunteers," adds McClymont. "We have a great program planned; Golden Hero and Leaders of Tomorrow Awards, of course Tom Jackson, and a Grand Door Prize - a Diamond Spa Package from Alberta Massage and Spa. Get your tickets now!"

For more information on this event, please contact Marilyn Heckbert at 529-8383 or Kim McClymont at 528-4636.

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